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The Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated July 25, 2006, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.